10507392 - GAHIL PATENT ATTORNEY DOCKET: 46884-531 THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE pplication of: Fumitsugu FUKUYO et al. Confirmation No.: 1798 Application No.: 10/507,392 Group Art Unit: 2812 Filed: April 8, 2005 Examiner: Elias Ullah For: LASER PROCESSING METHOD Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Window Mail Stop: ⊠Amendment ☐AF ☐Issue Fee Alexandria, VA 22314 Sir: **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)** <u>Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)</u>: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this IDS is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits after filing an RCE under § 1.114, or within three months of the application filing date. \boxtimes <u>Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)</u>: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This IDS is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Office Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the application. \boxtimes The fee of \$180.00 set forth in § 1.17(p) is included herein; or Applicant submits that each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. <u>Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)</u>: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This IDS is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(c) but before payment of the issue fee. 07/25/2007 SZEWDIE1 00000107 10507392 The fee of \$180.00 set forth in § 1.17(p) is included herein; and 180.00 CP Applicant submits that each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

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Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i): Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(i), Applicant brings
to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This IDS
is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(d). Applicant requests that the IDS be placed in
the file.

An Office Action from a related U.S. application dated June 21, 2007 and having documents cited thereon is attached for the Examiner's consideration. Any of these documents not previously cited, and any additional documents are listed on the PTO Form 1449. The related application publication no 2005/0184037 is also listed.

 \boxtimes Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. As for any document listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 that is in a language other than English, relevance can be understood from an enclosed English abstract or at least partial translation or from mention in the specification or in a search report for a corresponding application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.